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February 24, 2017

Montana Supreme Court Justices
215 N. Sanders, Justice Bldg.
P.O. Box 203001
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Re: LGBT and ALL people should have equal access and representation in the legal system in Montana

Dear Supreme Court Justices of Montana,

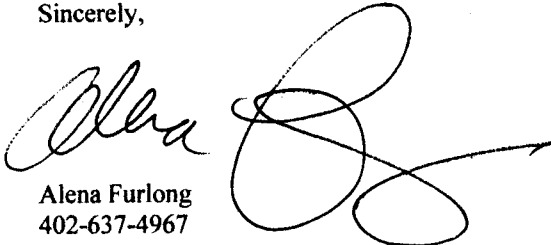
I believe LGBT people, just like ANY person, should have equal access and representation in the legal system in Montana.

Since it appears the current federal administration/policies are trending towards discrimination of many minority groups (LGBT, refugees, etc.) it is important that states ensure that such discrimination is not allowed within their borders. I hope that Montana will uphold the values that I believe in...support and equal rights for everyone.

No one seeking legal services should be treated with bias and hostility simply because of who they are.

Please support the proposed changes to rule 8.4 that would protect LGBT people and members of other marginalized groups by barring legal services providers from discriminating against them.

Sincerely,


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Dear Montana Supreme Court Justices,

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As a public school teacher at Paxson Elementary School in Missoula, I am writing to express my strong support of the proposed changes to rule 8.4. I believe that every student in my classroom and school should be treated kindly and fairly. I strive every day to create an environment of fairness and equity in my classroom, and I teach my students to do the same. I firmly believe that lawyers in their conduct related to the practice of the law should not be allowed to discriminate or harass on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, race, sex, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, marital status or socioeconomic status.